

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle door assembly for a motor vehicle, comprising:

a door frame;

a door trim panel secured removably to said door frame;

a carrier plate positioned between said door frame and said door trim panel;

[[and]]

a door component ~~fastened to said door frame and to said carrier plate; and~~

a plurality of fasteners securing said door component and said carrier plate to said door frame, said fasteners configured to initially support said door component on said carrier plate before said carrier plate is positioned between said door frame and said door trim panel in the assembly.

2. (Original) The vehicle door assembly of claim 1 wherein said door component is selected from the group consisting of an audio speaker, a door latch, and a window regulator rail.

3. (Original) The vehicle door assembly of claim 1 wherein said door frame supports more than 50 percent of the weight of said door component.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The vehicle door assembly of claim [[4]] 3 wherein said ~~non-structural material~~ is carrier plate is formed from polypropylene.

6. (Original) The vehicle door assembly of claim 1 wherein said carrier plate includes a sealable opening positioned for accessing the door component when said door trim panel is removed from said carrier plate.

7-14. (Cancelled)